Denigration of scientists by NDDB

2605. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to denigration of scientists of International fame by Rsident Representatives of NDDB as appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 23rd September, 1988 and whether these represent Government views; and

(b) if not, what action is proposed to be taken against those responsible for denigration of two nobel laureates and Akors in Absentia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the letter written to the Editor, Hindustan Times, dated 23rd September, 1988 by the Resident Representative of National Dairy Development Board, New Delhi. The letter embodies a narration of the facts of the case including judicial pronouncements on scientific opinion on the subject and does not constitute any denigration of reputed scientists.

(b) Does not arise.

Additional projects for Urea and Ammonia

2606. SHRI M A BABY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up additional projects of Ammonia and Urea based on the naphtha and D.A.P. at Ambalamedu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the progress made in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) M|s. Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited have to prepare a Detailed Project Report for 900 tpd ammonia plant by way of replacement of the existing old ammonia plants at Udyogamandal and submit to the Government for consideration. There is no proposal in respect of a D.A.P. project at Ambalamedu with the Govt. at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production of Lac

2607. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise production of lac and shellac during the last three years; yearwise;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to help the lac growing States to increase the production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Total statewise production of lac in the country during the last three years is as follows:—

State	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
	(Production in M. Tonnes)		
1	2	3	4
Bihar	10,310	12,355	7,575
Madhya Pradesh	4,965	5,155	5,170